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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Appropriations, 1999.

House committee ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6507–S6640

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2187–2193, and S. Res. 251.

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Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Detroit Red Wings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 251, to congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in NHL history.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 1999: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 165), Senate passed S. 2138, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S6507–21, S6524–48

Adopted:

Gorton (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2713, to provide funds for assistance in a study of measures to increase the efficiency of existing water systems that serve sugar cane plantations in Hawaii.

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Jeffords Modified Amendment No. 2715, to increase funding for energy supply, research, and development activities relating to renewable energy sources.

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Domenici (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2717, to make funds available for the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engineers to pay certain claims.

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Domenici (for Lautenberg/Torricelli) Amendment No. 2718, to provide funds for continued construction of the Joseph G. Minish Passaic River waterfront park and historic area.

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Domenici (for Levin/Glenn) Amendment No. 2719, to make funds available for demonstration of sediment remediation technology.

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Domenici (for Biden) Amendment No. 2720, to make funds available for the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention Program.

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Domenici (for Levin) Amendment No. 2721, to make funds available for Belle Isle Shoreline erosion protection, Riverfront Rowers to Renaissance Center shoreline protection, and for the Great Lakes Basin, Sea Lamprey Control, all Michigan projects.

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Domenici (for Reid) Amendment No. 2722, to provide funding for the isotope ratio capabilities at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

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Domenici (for Cleland) Amendment No. 2723, to make funds available for the Atlanta Watershed, Atlanta, Georgia project.

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Domenici (for Levin) Amendment No. 2724, to make funds available for support of the National Contaminated Sediment Task Force.

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Domenici/Reid Amendment No. 2725, to increase funding for science activities of the Department of Energy.

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Domenici (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 2726, to provide for a two-year payment waiver for a Bureau of Reclamation project in Dickenson, North Dakota.

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Domenici (for Murray/Gorton) Modified Amendment No. 2727, to increase funding for energy supply programs of the Department of Energy.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 2138 remain at the desk pending receipt of the House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2138, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be passed, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House

thereon, the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Cochran, Gorton, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Stevens, Reid, Byrd, Hollings, Murray, Kohl, Dorgan, and Inouye; and that the passage of S. 2138 be vitiated, and S. 2138 be indefinitely postponed.

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Withdrawn:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 2716, to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate agreed to table a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Daschle Amendment No. 2714, to reform and structure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S6508–11

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 163), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Coastal Barrier Boundary Corrections: Senate passed S. 1104, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

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Life Insurance Payment Precedence: Senate passed H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits, clearing the measure for the President.

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Indian Employment and Training Programs: Senate passed S. 1279, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to provide for the transfer of services and personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of Self-Governance, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agriculture Appropriations, 1999: Senate began consideration of S. 2159, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 2729, to reform and structure the processes by which tobacco products

are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use.

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Department of Defense Authorizations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, with the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests.

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Brownback Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provision of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, June 19, 1998.

Appointments:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting during the Second Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Morelia, Mexico, June 19–21, 1998: Senators Roberts and Sessions.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Q. Todd Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Michael H. Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Bruce Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Robert C. Felder, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

James Vela Ledesma, of California, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Elizabeth Davenport McKune, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

George Mu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Robert Cephas Perry, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Joseph Gerard Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Melissa Foelsch Wells, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Kent M. Wiedemann, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S6510–11, S6541

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2) Page S6510

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, June 19, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6639.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from James F.

Higgins, Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter and Company, on behalf of the Securities Industry Association, John H. Biggs, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurance and the American Insurance Association, and Robert A. Miller, New York State Association of Life Underwriters, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America, Inc., all of New York, New York; Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, and John G. Heimann, Merrill Lynch and Company, on behalf of the Financial Services Council, both of Washington, D.C.; William A. Fitzgerald, Commercial Federal Bank, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of America's Community Bankers; William T. McConnell, Park National Corporation, Newark, Ohio, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Richard M. Kovacevich, Norwest Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the Bankers Roundtable; and William L. McQuillan, City National Bank, Greeley, Nebraska, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL RIVERS AND TRAILS SYSTEMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, after receiving testimony from William H. Sullivan, Study Committee on Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers, Concord, Massachusetts;

S. 1665, to authorize funds for the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, after receiving testimony from Gerald R. Bastoni, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania;

S. 2039, to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, after receiving testimony from Liddie Martinez, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Committee, Alcalde, New Mexico; and

H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, after receiving testimony from Fran Cherry, Acting Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, and Dorothy Perkins, National Historic Trails Center, Casper, Wyoming.

Testimony was also received on S. 469, S. 1665, S. 2039 (all listed above), and S. 1016, to authorize funds for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New